GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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Funds for Tourism Projects
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sanctioned funds for tourism projects to develop tourist places associated with eco, rural and religious, medical and monsoon tourism in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise and State-wise including Tamil Nadu;
(c) the funds allocated so far in this regard the present status of tourism projects, State/project-wise; and
(d) the time by which all pending tourism projects are likely to be completed and pending fund allocations released, State-wise and project-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a): For development of tourism infrastructure in the country, the Ministry of Tourism has introduced two new schemes in 2014-15 i.e. Swadesh Darshan - Integrated Development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits and PRASAD- Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive. Under Swadesh Darshan scheme thirteen thematic circuits have been identified for development, namely: North-East India Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Desert Circuit, Tribal Circuit, Eco Circuit, Wildlife Circuit, Rural Circuit, Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit and Heritage Circuit. Under PRASAD scheme thirteen cities have been identified for development, namely: Amritsar, Ajmer, Mathura, Varanasi, Gaya, Puri, Amravati, Kanchipuram, Vellankanni, Kedarnath, Dwarka, Patna and Kamakhya.

(b) to (d): The list of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan and PRASAD Schemes and their status is at Annexure. The Projects sanctioned under the scheme have a gestation period of 18-36 months.
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